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Docket No.: 49657-551

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Kazuhiro AIHARA, et al : Confirmation Number: 9656  
Application No.: 09/499,037 : Group Art Unit: 2826  
Filed: February 7, 2000 : Examiner: J. Mondt  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

The following Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2003.

**REMARKS**

At the time of the Office Action dated June 19, 2003, claims 1-16 were pending in this application. Of those claims, claims 1-2, 7-13 and 15 have been rejected. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 3-6, 14 and 16 contain allowable subject matter.

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